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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Does the hon. Minister think that land mortgage banks in other districts are not working satisfactorily ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The Government thought that so far as Kurnool district was concerned it was not in a fit state for starting land mortgage banks."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Was any attempt made to get honorary workers ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I think the hon. Member will find in the report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies that an attempt was made to get honorary workers but it did not prove successful."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the hon. the Minister is prepared to place on the table of this House the report of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I shall consider it."

Publication of the evidence before the Committee on Co-operation.

* 650 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenses incurred in connexion with the Committee on Co-operation ;

(*b*) the amount, if any, spent in excess of the original allotment ;

(*c*) the number of copies of the report of the Committee printed and the cost thereof ;

(*d*) whether the Government have ascertained from the Superintendent of the Government Press the probable cost of printing copies of the evidence equal in number to the copies of the report printed ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the evidence given or tendered before the Malabar Tenancy Committee, the Unemployment Committee and the Tamil University Committee has been printed and copies made available to the public ; and

(*f*) whether the Government have considered or propose to consider the question of publishing the evidence, written and oral, tendered or given before the Committee and whether they have arrived at a decision ?

A.—(*a*) Rs. 73,725-8-0.
(*b*) Rs. 18,725-8-0.
(*c*) 2,000 ; Rs. 957-1-0.
(*d*) No.
(*e*) Yes.
(*f*) The Government have asked the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to prepare and forward typed copies of the evidence, written and oral. On receipt, the copies will be placed in the Legislative Council Library.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Will the Government be pleased to get the information referred to in clause (*d*) of the question ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The information is available. It would cost Rs. 6,000 and odd."

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Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—" Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any objection to get the evidence, written or oral, printed so as to bring it in line with the report of the Malabar Tenancy Bill Committee, the Unemployment Committee and the Tamil University Committee ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" Provided we get public opinion in favour of such a proposal. As it is, the Registrar thinks that it is not necessary to print the evidence. But if there is a demand from the public the Government will have no objection."

Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar :—" Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that two Members of this Committee opined that the evidence should be printed ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" But the majority of the Members were against it."

Industries

Continuance of the Ink factory, Madras.

* 651 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) why the Government cannot continue to run the ink factory a year longer ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the factory does not involve Government in any loss in working ;

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to publish details as to the quantity of production, the profits of working and other particulars so that other people may take it up as a cottage industry ;

(d) whether they will be pleased to sell the ink factory only to the natives of the country ; and

(e) whether the Director of Industries has got any proposals ready for pioneering any other industry ?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the press communiqué dated 31st August 1928.

(b) No.

(c) The audited accounts of the factory have been placed on Editors' Table.

(d) The Government have invited tenders and the most suitable tender will be accepted.

(e) Yes.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" With reference to the answer given to clause (e) of this question, may I know from the hon. Minister what those other proposals are ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" I want notice."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—" Will the Government be pleased to carefully consider the desirability of continuing the present ink factory ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—" We have very carefully considered it."